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1. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT JAN. 16 FROM
COMMUNIST PARTY (VPK) LEADER C. H. HERMANSSON AS TO WHEN
THE GOS PLANS TO RECOGNIZE THE PRG, FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN
ANDERSSON STATED THAT THE GOS "AS PER INTERNATIONAL
LAW, CANNOT RECOGNIZE THE PRG AS THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH
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VIETNAM." ANDERSSON THUS REAFFIRMED VOTE TAKEN BY THE

SWEDISH RIKSDAG NOV. 27 AGAINST RECOGNITION OF THE PRG.
(REF A).

2. IN HIS STATEMENT, ANDERSSON POINTED OUT THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT RECOGNIZES "TWO EQUAL PARTIES" IN SOUTH VIETNAM "WHICH EXIST SIDE BY SIDE AND ARE IN CONTROL OF RESPECTIVE AREAS." THEREFORE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED, "THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CANNOT ASSERT THAT ONE OF THESE ADMINISTRATIONS ALONE REPRESENTS THE STATE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAN ASSUME THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS STATE." TO DO SO, HE ADDED "WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH THE PROCEDURE APPROVED BY THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEGAL AND RECOGNIZED SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT BASED ON A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTION."

3. ANDERSSON ALSO USED OCCASION TO REITERATE THAT GOS DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE RVN AS THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, ADDING THAT "WE MAINTAIN NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION AND OPPOSE ITS PRETENSIONS TO ALONE REPRESENT SOUTH VIETNAM IN INTERNATIONAL MATTERS." IN SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE WITH HERMANSSON, ANDERSSON REMINDED COMMUNIST LEADER THAT IN NOVEMBER GOS HAD IN EFFECT FORMALLY BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT BY REMOVING NAMES OF STAFF OF RVN EMBASSY IN BONN FROM STOCKHOLM DIPLOMATIC LISTS AND WITHDRAWING NAMES OF SWEDISH DIPLOMATS RESIDENT IN BANGKOK FROM SAIGON DIPLOMATIC LIST (REF B), BUT CLAIMED THIS ONLY FORMALIZED LONG-EXISTING DE FACTO SITUATION.
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4. COMMENT: IN ONCE AGAIN REJECTING LEFT-WING PRESSURES FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG, GOS REMAINS FAITHFUL TO ASSURANCES GIVEN TO ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON IN NOVEMBER THAT SWEDEN DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE PRG (REF C).
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